Closed NTC mills

†910. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the textile mills under NTC are closed at present and its workers are unemployed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that property in these mills has been deteriorating and land under such mills is lying unused; and

(c) if so, by when Government would solve the problems of such mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) As per the Rehabilitation Scheme sanctioned by BIFR, 31 non-functional unviable mills of NTC have been closed under ID Act and their employees have been relieved after giving benefits under modified VRS. All the workers in the remaining mills are in employment and being paid wages.

(b) and (c) As per approved Revival Scheme, the cost of revival is to be financed by sale of surplus assets of NTC mills. Part of surplus machinery of 35 mills and land of 7 mills has been sold till date. Sale of surplus machinery and land of other mills is under process. The remaining machinery and land in other mills are regularly in use.

Textiles Growth Centre

911. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme for providing financial assistance to infrastructural families at established Textile Growth Centres has been launched;

(b) if so, whether financial assistance has been provided or proposed to be sanctioned to growth centres in any centre in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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